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Pictured above are Mark Hoger and Scott Warren at dress rehearsal for the talent show last Tuesday. The boys were unable to be in the show itself for personal reasons.

## TALENT SHOW SUCCESS

Jill Stiglich, Jean Surdy, and Debbie Terry playing flute, singing, and playing guitar to the tune of "Leaving on a jet plane" took first place in the 3rd annual talent show staged February 22.

Tammie Flowers won second place tap dancing. Third prize went to Chris Kozio and Kim Wright for their dance routine. Entertainer of the year award went to Laurie Hendrickson and Becky Woodhams for their original comedy ventriloquist act.

Also participating were Barb Berner, Traci Grudecki, Lesley Smith, Karen Frimand, Jolinda Jach, the Paw Paw Dance Troupe, and would have included Mark Hoger and Scott Warren.

Mrs. Howard was the faculty sponsor.

## Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Dobbs Take Leaves

Mrs. Howard has taken a leave of absence to have her baby. We will miss her but look forward to her return next year. Also on a leave of absence is Mrs. Dobbs.

## St. Pat's Day Explained

St. Patrick's Day is next week Thursday. St. Patrick was a bishop and an apostle of Ireland. When he was sixteen he was carried off by raiders as a slave and taken to Ireland for six years. He then escaped to Gaul, France of today.

A vivid imagination invented the legend that gave St. Patrick the credit for getting rid of the serpents on the island of Ireland, although there were never any serpents there in the first place.

by C.D.

## WAPPAN GOES TO PRESS

The 1976-77 Wappaw Jr. has gone to press. It takes the printers approximately 10 weeks to process the book. It should be available to students by late May.

The staff this year includes the following people: Pam Blacksten, Nita Ricketson, Kyle Caldwell, Chris Clement, Judy Hysell, Shawn Thompson, Lynn Conally, Becky Woodhams, Becky Lantz, Cheryl Crouse, Melanie Conally, Mary Haluch, Donna Clarke, Jon Duell, Mike Beebe, Dave Deab, Kurt Lucas, Nancy Markus, and Teri Ross. They deserve a lot of credit for a long, tedious job.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Much has been happening since the last issue of the Good Times. We lost 11 days of school some where in January, the band went to solo and ensemble, bringing home many awards, the basketball season came to an end, (see p.4 for more coverage), and the second dance of the year was held February 19.

## Opinions? We want 'em!

If you have an opinion you'd like to air, or a gripe you need to express write to the Good Times. Drop off your letter to room 103.



## K & S's Corner

Hey Readers,

We have a change in the Good Times staff. We have two editors-in-chief, Shawn Thompson and Kyle Caldwell.

But getting on to the serious side, about the last dance we had- If we are to have anymore dances and other special privileges, a few people will have to "shape up or ship out." Don't get me wrong. I'm for having fun and enjoying yourself but there are always the few whose behavior can wreck it for the rest of us. Why should we let them spoil it for us? What do you think? Please send your comments to room 103.

Kyle

## The Good Times Advisor

Dear Good Times Advisor,

I am sort of on the chubby side in the face and I want to lose some of that chubbiness. I thought it was a good idea to chew gum but unfortunately most of my teachers will not let me chew in class. What can I do? Chubby and Chewing

Dear Chub,

The best way to solve your problem is to lose weight. Don't try to get rid of your plumpness by chewing gum. For one thing, gum, sugarless or not, is not good for your teeth. Try to get rid of your weight by going on a diet or exercising. First consult your doctor before doing so, since it may be dangerous. Keep trying.

By the way, before you chewed in class, what did you do? Surely fewer teachers allowed you to eat a bologna sandwich!

Dear Good Times Advisor,

I am a favorite among the basketball players, but my friends hate me. What should I do?

Unliked and Unhappy

Dear Un,

I would suggest that you try to improve yourself in some way. For example, be nicer to your friends and enemies. Be more generous to people, like give someone help when they ask for it. But remember when you are mean to people too much, most likely they

will not let you make it up to them after awhile.

Dear Good Times Advisor,

I love to steal but I know I have to quit. (it is illegal you know) Better not send me a copy of this, I might steal it. So what should I do? Sign me-

Stealing Sam

Dear S.S.,

I would suggest that you stay as far away as possible from a store. Plus think of how many things you have of your own and be grateful. Also, think of what ill happen to you if you get caught. Good luck.

If you would like the Good Times to help with your problems or someone else, drop your letter off in room 103. You do not have to sign it.

## TV Violence - What's the Effect?

How does violence affect you when you see it on tv? The estimates are that the average young person from age 4 through age 17 will see 50,000 murders not to mention other brutality. Newsweek ran a story on this recently so our roving reporters asked students around school what affect the tv violence has on them or other teens?

Jeri Whitworth thinks it affects teens "because when they grow up they want to do violent things."

Linda Sirrine says "it doesn't affect me because I'm used to it."

Tammy DeValle believes it has no effect because they see it so much.

Mary Schauer disagrees and thinks "it affects them because when they grow up they've already learned from television."

Karla Dahms and Wendy DeValle don't think it has any effect.

Lars Holter would agree with that stating that "it has no effect at all."

Debbie Schram says "I think you should see some violence on tv to know what is going on other places but sometimes I think they overdo it"

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Violence on tv continued

Toryre Adams feels that "it has some effect because kids get more ideas from what they see on tv."

Pam Blacksten thinks "it's good to let kids watch tv to know what goes on in the real world because sometime they will have to face life's problems."

Denise Noble thinks it has some effect also.

Carol Dundon notes that "it depends on what is watched and who's watching it."

Dawn Brown thinks it may have an effect on teens depending on what type of kid you are and what shows you watch."

Mr. Topp says "it's uncertain what effect violence has on teens. However, some teens may be affected depending on the situation."

Jane Speich and Mary Haluch believe it has no effect at all.

Mrs. Barrett said "I don't know. I don't watch tv."

What do you think? Let us know.

Mr. Zolp - Math teacher

New this semester is Mr. Zolp, the math teacher who replaced Mrs. Dobbs while she is on leave. He graduated from Western. His hobby he says is "waking up." His zodiac sign is Sagittarius, his favorite animal is the cat, and his favorite color is blue.

Favorite song for Mr. Zolp is "Schools out," his favorite animals are army ants, and he enjoys eating "refried bees' wings?" His favorite male and female singers are the Carpenters. "Finding the meaning of Life" is his favorite subject.

S.T.

"Dr. Jackson" - Mini-mystery Detective

Police Commissioner Peterson called me at my messy yet humble home and said, "Dr. Jackson, could you come to my office?" I think I have another murder for you."

I replied yes and rushed over. When I arrived, Commissioner Peterson was just receiving the Coroner's report. "How does it look?" I asked.

"Not too good. I can't find the lead."

"Okay, calm down," said I. After he calmed himself, he handed me the report.

"Ooooh. He was stabbed in the abdomen."

"Yes, but we don't think he did it himself."

I glanced through the report. "I see here he had a wife."

"Yeah."

"What's her alibi?"

"She was cleaning the glassware when her husband walked in and said 'Good bye, dear,' and stabbed himself with a knife."

"Let's go talk to her," I said.

When we got over to the house, Mrs. Nolson offered us a drink. I said yes. When the maid brought in the drinks, (tall rootbeers), Mrs. Nolson took them first, looked at them and told the maid to get clean glasses. I asked the Commissioner when the death occurred. He said this morning.

Did Mr. N. really kill himself or did someone murder him? And if so, who did it? See p. 4 for the answer.

Two Student Teachers Here

We have two student teachers with us this semester, Mr. Stenner who is teaching with Mrs. Baker and Ms. Chapman who is teaching with Mrs. Mahanty.

Chris Willsea interviewed Mr. Stenner.

He decided to become a teacher because he likes to teach and thinks he has something to offer to the students. He is attending Western Michigan.

His zodiac sign is Libra and his hobbies include horseback riding, mechanics, conversationalism, sports, and water safety instruction. His only pet is a pet rock.

Green and blue are his favorite colors, he likes horses, and steak is his favorite food. He likes music that is easy on the ears.

He enjoys student teaching and the only thing he doesn't enjoy is getting up at 6 a.m. He feels "middle school offers something more than just a junior could offer."

He would enjoy teaching in this area and says "it's a nice school with a great faculty. The kids are no problem. I don't have to hassle with them."

Next issue will contain an interview with Ms. Chapman.

C.W.



## B'Ball Season Ends

The 7th grade basketball teams finished the season with a hard battle against Comstock February 22, 1977. This reporter thinks that both teams should be recognized as terrific.

### Mr. Erickson Interviewed <sup>K.C.</sup>

This writer asked Mr. Erickson "Do you like to coach basketball?" He replied that he did. I asked why.

He said "I like to relive the tension that the boys have and coaching lets me do just that."

"What does it feel like when your team wins?"

He answered, "I feel an emotional and physical high. I feel pretty good because I think they have reached their potential."

Personally I think Mr. Erickson is a pretty good coach.

### 8th Grade finishes Winning Season <sup>P.C.</sup>

The 8th grade season ended Feb. 22 in a game with Comstock which was fought valiantly but lost.

For the season here are the scores.

No. Christian, 35,	PP 25	(A)
N.C., 21	PP 19	(B)
Three Rivers 48,	PP 28	(A)
Vicksburg 38,	PP 43	(A)
V'burg 29,	PP 20	(B)
Lawrence 14,	PP 48	(A)
Larence 20,	PP 26	(B)
N.C. 40,	PP 55	(A)
N.C. 20,	PP 22	(B)
Lawton 30,	PP 48	(A)
Lawrence 18	PP 63	(A)
Lawrence 14	PP 27	(B)
Vicksburg 47,	PP 44	(A)
V'burg 43	PP 29	(B)
Allegan	PP	(A)
Allegan	PP	(B)

### 7th Grade Season Listed <sup>by Jon Duell</sup>

The 7th grade season finished with the following record:

North Christian, 14, PP 19 (A)  
N.C. 19, PP 10 (B)

see page 5, the insert for more statistics on the games.

E. M.

## Intramural Tournament

The interschool basketball tournaments began last week and will continue to March 25. The tournament is open to all Paw Paw Middle School age students. Included are St. Mary's 6th graders. The program is under the direction of Mr. Snell.

Four divisions are included, two for boys and two for girls. There are 6 teams in the B league and 9 in the A league.

The B league included the following people: Peg Burchard, Edie Hunter, Vicky Atwood, Patty Zolp, Missy Barnes, Lois Foracker, team 5; Joanne Hughes, Connie Canups, Kathy Bailey, Lori Fisk, Tammy Palemr, Pam DeFierre, and Cheryl Berry, team 6; Jayne Whittington, Donna Pook, Kris Bowser, Lynn Rix, Brenda Danger, and Lorna Harrison, team 7; Rocky Sherburn, Mike Hartmann, Richie Dietz, Brian Rosema, Rick Klingler, Mike Terry, and Matt Miller, team 6; Gary Goodwin, Shawn Jurgenson, Brad Curtis, Keith Harris, Walt Tokarchick, Marty Albar, Chuck Murrin, Damian Romo, Tim Harris, team 7; Lars Holter, Tim Devantier, Jim Cox, Matt Serbenski, Rick Counterman, and Chris Jones, team 8.

The A league includes Marla Galbraith, Kathy Brill, Gay Burchard, Cindy DeHaan, Lori Flowers, Marion Stamp, and Laura Vesey, team 1; Sandy Austin, Jill Stiglich, Holly Ortman, Theresa Millek, Karen Vesey, Jean Surdy, Debbie Terry, and Sue Dent, team 2; Sheila Crandall, Becky Rowison, Julie Weston, Merry Rader, Lynn Rowan, Kay Krause, Diana Burfield, Pat Combs, and Shelly Lewis, team 3; Diane Bailey, Lynn Smith, Missy Kinter, Chris Koziol, Shelly Larson, Shawn Shinaberry and Penny Haywood, team 4; Scott Terry, Rick Ampey, Chris Berry, Kevin Scotese, Bob Ritsema, Ron Vanderwall, team 1; Rory Sherburn, Lance Bilger, Rod Millek, Don Lucas, Tim Thomas, Jon Duell, Scott Longshore, team 2; Mike Prawat, Russ Howle, Randy Nott, Ken Dietz, Mike Stewart, Scott Brill, team 3; Dave Lindenbach, Rick Fugsley, Scott Warren, Dave Gipson, Mike Coskey, Jeff Turner, team 4; Scott Curtis, Brad Hoger, Jim Imus, Jim Rice, Darrin Nagy, Mike Kunow, and Brian Bacon, team 5.



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MINI MYSTERY ANSWER- If she had been washing the classes, why send the maid back to clean them the same day?

CONTINUATION OF THE 7th Grade B'ball scores

N.C. 14, PP 19 (A)  
 N.C. 19, PP 10 (F)  
 Three Rivers 35, PP 15 (A)  
 Lawton 27, PP 34 (A)  
 Lawrence 19, PP 25 (A)  
 Lawrence 28, PP 24 (F)  
 Vicksburg 22, PP 18 (A)  
 Vicksburg 28, PP 19 (F)  
 N.C. 16 (A), PP 23 (A)  
 N.C. 28 (F), PP 17 (F)  
 Lawrence 28, PP 14 (A)  
 Lawrence 40, PP 33 (F)  
 Vicksburg 42, PP 33 (A)  
 Vicksburg 28, PP 25 (F)  
 Allegan 25, PP 39 (A)  
 Allegan 25, PP 31 (F)  
 Comstock 30, PP 28 (A)  
 Comstock 27, PP 24 (F)

AD: FOR SALE:

24" girl's bike, 3-speed, almost brand-new- ridden only about 7-8 times. Check in room 103 price \$45.

Hoffmann's Fables by R. Hoffmann

One summer day while Tom Ricards was stomping through the heated sand, he ran across a green cricket. Tom was ready to smash the bug to smithereens when the bug ordered him to stop. Tom, a mischievous boy, stopped and stared with his mouth hanging wide open.

He proceeded to pick up the cricket and ask him his name. His name was Sam he was told by the insect.

Tom couldn't resist ~~smothering~~ smothering Sam with questions, while not allowing him to answer fully. As he listened, Tom became suspicious. Tom glowered at the bug, appearing to be ready to smash him as he had originally planned.

The bug stalled for time by rambling on and on in a very confusing manner. Tom tried to be patient and listen.

Suddenly, as though he knew Tom was getting bored, the bug tipped his purple hat and lunged with his powerful bug-jaws at Tom's palm. Jumping down quickly and scampering away, he nearly lost his hat.

Tom was mad. He yearned for vengeance. With one large stride and his left foot, Tom stomped the bug right into the ground and went to eat lunch as usual.

The moral of this story is....  
 "Never trust a cricket in a purple hat."

Student Council Corner by S. Brill

A roller skating party is the next school event to be planned for March 24 and March 28. The tickets will be on sale for a \$1.25 for the party which will include a bus to take you back and forth from the Middle School to the roller rink. The bus will leave at 2:45 and return at 5:00 to the middle school.

Students may bring extra money if they wish but the \$1.25 includes the skate rental and the cost of skating.